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January 18, 2002

Judge Kolar Kottely c/o Renata Hesse Trial Attorney - Antitrust Division U.S. Department of Justice 601 D Street N.W., Suite 1200 Washington, DC 20530

Dear Judge Kottely,

I am writing to let you know that I stand in support of the recent Microsoft settlement.

Our nation is suffering through a harsh and painful recession. Right here in Iowa numerous layoffs are taking place, leaving hundreds of men and women out of work and unable to adequately support their families. Understanding this fact, it begs the question, "Why would our leaders continue the Microsoft antitrust case?" The settlement brought about a fair, just, and appropriate conclusion to this issue. Microsoft allows computer makers to remove their software, and they agree not to retaliate against companies that create or endorse products that compete with Windows.

Nine states agreed to this settlement, and the nation in better of because of it. If Microsoft is allowed to operate freely without the burden of this lawsuit, it will help provide jobs, create new businesses, and assist in stimulating he economy.

Thank you for taking the time to hear from a small business owner such as myself.

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